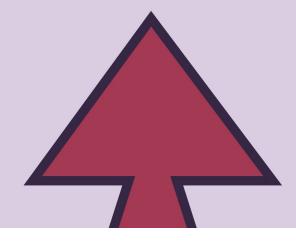


Announcing the ...

SENIOR CENTER ART EXHIBITION

AN EXHIBIT CELEBRATING THE WORK OF ARTISTS OVER 60

ON DISPLAY THROUGH THE SUMMER OPENING RECEPTION JULY 8, 1-3 PM ARTIST MEET-UP JULY 13, NOON LOWELL SENIOR CENTER 276 BROADWAY MORE INFO ON PAGE 7







LOWELL SENIOR CENTER

276 Broadway St Lowell, MA 01854 978-674-4131

Monday–Friday: 7 am to 3 pm

Saturday–Sunday: **Open for meals only**

Breakfast: Weekdays 7 - 8 am Dine in or take-out

Daily Lunch: 11 - 11:30 am Dine in or take-out

Receptionist: Tara Donnelly

Director: Kimberly Gagnon

Programs: Aurora Erickson aerickson@lowellma.gov

Chef: Joe Wilkins

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Next meeting September 11th

A Note from Senior Center Staff:

We so appreciate your ongoing patience with this computer problem! This has been a very challenging period for city staff as we struggle to do our usual work without all our usual tools. We feel very grateful for everyone's ongoing patience and understanding.

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Tuesday	11	\$7	York Beach	8:45 am	9:00 am
Thursday	13	\$7	Hampton Beach	8:45 am	9:00 am
Tuesday	18	\$7	Portsmouth	8:45 am	9:00 am
Thursday	20	\$7	Ogunquit	8:45 am	9:00 am

July Movies

This month's theme is mystery comedy.

Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)

Thursday, July 6th 12 pm (Noon)

Newlywed Cary Grant uncovers an unlikely murder plot in this classic screwball comedy.

Clue (1985)

Thursday, July 13th 12 pm (Noon)

In this silly adaptation of the classic board game, a mansion full of colorful characters including Madeline Kahn and Tim Curry try to untangle who killed their mysterious host, Mr. Body.

Knives Out (2019)

Thursday, July 20th 12 pm (Noon)

A mystery writer's death needs untangling in this modern take on the classic Agatha Christie-style whodunnit.

My Cousin Vinny (1992) Thursday, July 27th

12 pm (Noon)

When a New Yorker driving through the south is wrongly accused of murder, he calls in his lawyer cousin Vinny, Joe Pesci, who arrives with girlfriend Marisa Tomei. Can this foul-mouthed pair win the trial? This movie comes with a language warning!



From Your Behavioral Health Worker... A Note about Getting Back to Your Normal Life after Covid

Hello Lowell Seniors!

As you may know, I am the social worker who comes in on Friday to meet with anyone who wants to speak confidentially about any important personal or family issue in their lives. This public information note is the first of what we hope will be a monthly section in the newsletter.

One of the most significant issues I have observed with seniors is that Covid has changed the level of comfort and interest in going out and being with people again. Social anxiety, fear of illness, and facing disappointments about all the things lost or changed in the last few years have contributed to depression and other mental health conditions. Most seniors have adapted very well, according to the psychiatric literature, but ones who did not have strong social connections before covid had more mental health challenges.

If you are finding that it's hard to "get back" to the way you felt before the pandemic and want to talk please contact the front desk to schedule an appointment with me. You can either do it in person by going to the upstairs front desk or call 978-674-1166. I look forward to seeing how I can help you.

-Nava

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Community Events and News



■ Lowell Fire Department Blood Drive

Thursday, July 20th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lowell Senior Center



Give July 17 thru 31 for

an exclusive Shark Week shirt from Discovery while supplies last. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: LowellFD

Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Important Tax Information



Statutory Exemption
Applications are available as of
July 1. If you filed and were
granted an exemption last year
you will be mailed an
application. Applications are
available online

at www.lowellma.gov under Assessing Forms or you may contact the Assessing Office at 978-674-4200 and we can mail one to you.

Bone Builders

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.





The exercises help the progression of Osteoporosis and other bone related diseases—and are fun! We're thinking about adding more classes at new times. Let us know if you're interested!

SENIOR CENTER ART EXHIBITION

Seniors are a vital part of the Lowell art scene, and we're celebrating them! Through the summer, artwork by seniors aged 60+ will be exhibited in the Senior Center. In addition, look for classes, skill-builders, and artist meet-ups to be scheduled.. Thanks Lowell Cultural Council!

RECEPTION JULY 8, 1-3 PM ARTIST MEET-UP JULY 13, NOON

AgeSpan Family Caregiver Support Program Info Session

Tuesday, July 11, Noon

Join Crystal Polizzotti, Director of the Family Caregiver Support Program at AgeSpan (formerly Elder Services) for an information session on how our program supports the family caregivers in our community. We are a supportive program that offers services to ease the stress of being a caregiver to your loved ones. We recognize the critical role family caregivers make in the lives of their loved ones and want you to know you are not alone. We offer one on one sessions to help caregivers navigate resources and manage care of their loved ones, including but not limited to assessments, information and referrals to local resources, support groups, trainings, habilitation therapy, respite scholarships, grandparents' campership, afterschool scholarships and more.

New Health and Wellness Programs at the Senior Center



Chat Hour/La Hora de Charla: A group to come together, talk with others, meet new and old friends, and learn about being healthy

English: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & Español: Miercoles a las 11 a.m.

Eight Dimensions of Wellness: Learn how the dimensions can support your wellbeing as an older adult, with a new dimension each week. Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Awareness Meditation: For recovery, awareness, relaxation. Mondays at 1 p.m.

For Your Health

FREE Fitness Room



Monday to Friday, 7 am to 3 pm

Required:

- Lowell residents age 60+
- Sneakers
- Annual doctor's release note

Salsa

Learn salsa and meringue moves in this fun and active dance class to bring sunshine to your day. Class is taught in English and Spanish.

Aprenda los Movimientos y Bailes de Salsa y Merengue En este Divertida Clase de Baile para Para que Illumines tu Dia.Las Clases seran en Espanol Y ingles.

NOTE: Salsa is not available until the computers are back on. Call to confirm please.

Bone Builders

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 am

FREE with application process to participate, ask at front desk.

We're thinking about adding more sessions of this program! Let us know if you might be interested.



Foot Clinic with Diane Stanley, RN

Sign up in advance required.

\$30.00 fee

Includes: foot assessment, toenail trim and filing, reduction of nails/corns/ calluses, education to help maintain self-care, and a relaxing foot massage.



Tai **?** Chi

Mondays at 11am

\$5 per class

Tai Chi is a relaxing form of exercise a little bit like yoga or slow, gentle dance. You move slowly through poses that help you focus your energy and relax your body.

Beginners welcome.

Meet with Nava

Fridays 8 am to 2:30 pm

Call 978-674-1166 to make an appointment.

Nava is a licensed clinical social worker who is available to talk with seniors who need support.

"On the Move"

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:00 am, \$3 per class

Aerobics and stretching, with weights, balls and resistance bands with Marian Silk



Yoga with Christine Connolly

Chair Yoga Tuesdays 12 -1pm

Gentle Kripalu Yoga

Fridays, 12 - 1

\$5 per class Calm breathing, stretching, and yoga poses to help improve flexibility and balance and reduce stress.

The instructor can modify poses for you around your limitations.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday 7/10 11am-Noon

Courtesy of Element Care

Weekly Activities

Mahjong

And

Senior Center Singers

Are on summer hiatus.

Thursday Movies

Thursdays Noon

Great Hall

Senior Socials

Fridays 12 - 2:45 pm Great Hall

Line dancing, couples dancing, friendly conversation.



Wii Bowling

Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 am - 11:30 am Board Room



Knit & Crochet Group

Tuesdays 12:00 - 2:45 pm Classroom



Bingo

Wednesdays, 12 - 3 pm

50 cents per card, sales start at noon

Prizes vary based on attendance.



Quilting Group

Wednesdays 12 -2:45 pm 2nd Floor Classroom

Newcomers welcome, beginners to advanced!



Billiard Room

Open Monday - Friday 7 am - 2:45pm



<u>Cards</u>

Poker

Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 am - 2:45 pm

Cribbage

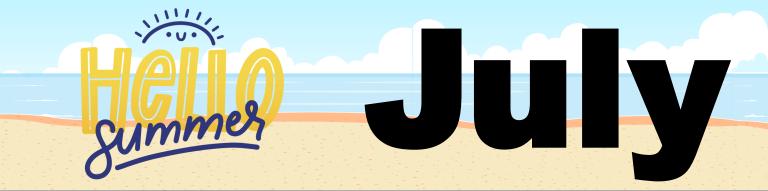
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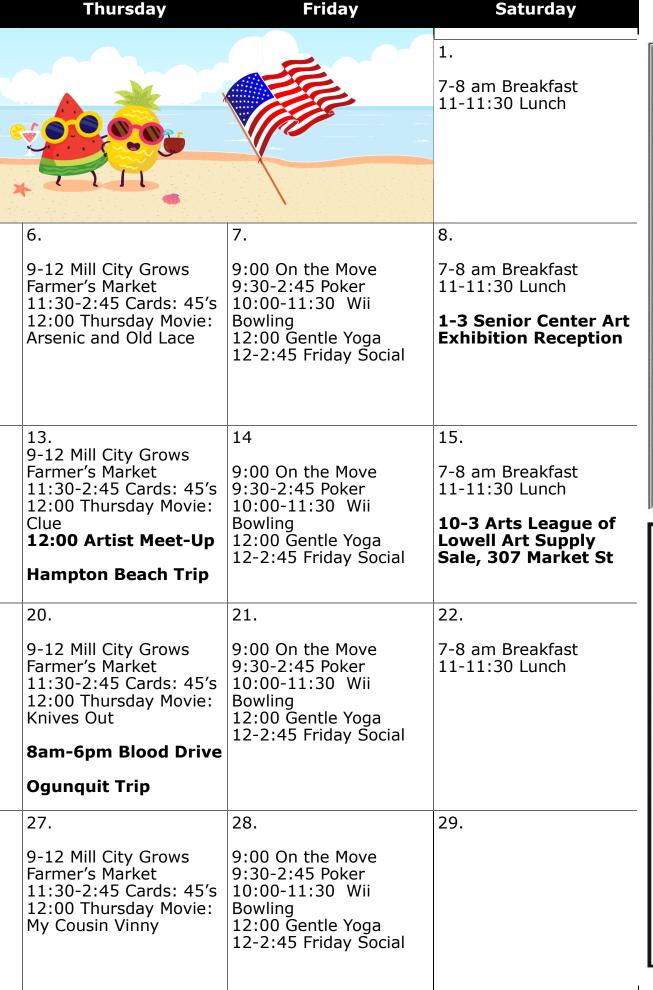
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Our property is conveniently located near Route 3, Interstate 495 and public transportation.

Applications may be picked up at Wings te Management Co., 16 Middle Street, Lowell MA 01852, by calling 978-459-3631 or e-mail Lowell@wingstecompanies.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Pasta and meat sauce
2. Cheeseburger	3. Chicken Sandwich	4. CLOSED	5. Baked Chicken and Rice	6. Beef Stew	7. Tuscan Cod	8. Meatloaf
9. Turkey Pie	10. Chicken Parm and Pasta	11. Chicken Stir Fry	12. American Chop Suey	13. Beef Fajita	14. Catfish	15. Greek Salad
16. Hot Dogs	17. Chicken Supreme	18. Roast Pork	19. Ziti and Meatballs	20. Chicken Pork Stuffing	21. Tuna Sandwich and Clam Chowder	22. Turkey Chili
23. Garden Salad	24. Salisbury Steak	25. Spanish Chicken and Rice	26. Stuffed Peppers	27. Asian Chicken with Rice	28. Traveling Chef	29. Shephards Pie
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9. Parvo y Arroz	10. Pollo con queso y Pasta	11. Pollo a la sarten y arroz	12. Carne Molida con Pasta	13. Fajitas y Arroz	14. Pescado Y Mahadas	15. Ensalada Greca
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Takeout Policy Change

Beginning August 1, 2023 we will be adjusting our to go meals program. As of August 1st, if you want hot take out, there will be a charge of \$2.50. We will have frozen meals to go available at no charge. As always, you are welcome to dine in with us for a hot meal with a suggested donation, but we do not require payment for dine in meals.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$1 BREAKFAST, \$2.50 LUNCH BREAKFAST
WEEKDAYS 7AM-8AM
LUNCH
11AM-11:30AM

- **Vegetarian options** available weekdays. Please call 978-674-4131 one day ahead
- Meals are **subject to change** based on supply availability
- Bread and milk are served with all lunches



DATES	HOURS
Monday, July 10	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, July 17	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, July 24	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, July 31	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Services and Support

Medical Loan Program

Walkers, disposable underwear, fall prevention bars, and canes and available FREE. Donations gratefully accepted, please call 978-674-4131 first to confirm what is needed and available.





The Syringe Collection Program

Senior Center syringe drop-off accepted on weekdays at the front desk. Free disposal containers are available while supplies last.



Get Help with Medicare

Call 978-946-1374 and leave a message. A trained counselor will call you back within 1-2 Serving the Health days. Drop-in counseling is available Mondays from 9-11.

Senior Abuse Hotline **Number**

To report suspected elder abuse, call: 1-800-922-2275

AgeSpan (formerly Elder Services)

Meals on Wheels, Assistance with Home Care, Case Management, Support for Seniors and Caregivers, Prescription Advantage 1-800-892-0890

Legal Services Assistance & Referrals 1-800-342-5297

Fuel Assistance

978-459-6161

DTA Hotline (SNAP/Food Stamps)

Direct line for seniors: 1-833-712-8027

<u>MassHealth</u>

1-800-408-1253

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

Medicare

1-800-633-4227



CareRide, a program of AgeSpan, provides nonemergency medical transportation in the Greater Lowell area and to Boston for people age 60+.

Contact Alexandra Luciano, Care Ride Program Coordinator at 978-651-3118 or aluciano@agespan.org

Bills come to your address monthly, \$4/each way for local trips.

Rides to Senior Center

Call 978-674-4131 for a ride to the Senior Center for meals and activities. You must call by 9am on the day of your ride.

LRTA Road Runner

ADA Paratransit curb-to-curb service is available for people with a disability that prevents them from using a fixed route bus—for all trip types.

Senior Dial-a-Ride is available for all Lowell residents age 60+ for medical rides only. Call Road Runner at 978-459-0152 to sign up.



Looking for something else to do? We need more volunteers to help with lunch over the summer! See Joe to ask how to help.

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

Look for the words listed below.

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Sun Sunblock Play Waves Hot Sand

Fun Beach Shell Pineapple Water Umbrella

Friends of Lowell Council on Aging

To some of you who read this page every month this may seem like old news. However here it goes.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 the Friends of the Lowell Council on Aging had its election of officers. As was stated in the December 2022, January, February, and March 2023 newsletters, any member was eligible to vote as long as his or her dues were paid by Friday, March 24, 2023. This caused a few problems at the election sign in table. Some people did not know what the Friends is and attempted to vote. Others were not paid by the March deadline so were also denied a ballot. We changed the day from Thursday to Wednesday in hopes of a better turnout since Wednesday is Bingo Day. Not so. Going back to 2009 we always had a little over 100 members voting. During the 2021 pandemic we sent out over 300 ballots only to receive 102 returns. This year just 42 members voted. This created a tie of three for the fourth and fifth openings on the board of directors. We then had a tie breaking election Friday, May 19, 2023. This day was chosen because there was a Dinner Dance and once again the board thought this day would be more accommodating for the members. Only 26 bothered to make the trip upstairs to the board room to cast a ballot. All this information concerning these elections was also posted in the elevator, in the glass case next to the elevator and in the glass case in the entryway to the center.

Congratulations to all the victors and all who of you submitted nominations papers to appear on the ballot. And especially the members who made the effort to vote. If anyone has a suggestion on getting more members to participate, please share your thoughts with a member the board. However, we will not change the location of the voting. It will remain where it has always been in the upstairs board room. Having it downstairs where there is so much traffic during the hours of 9 & 1 would cause too much upheaval.

July and August there will be no FLCOA meetings. As always if anyone has any questions please contact a board member. There are always board members at the center every day of the week. Just ask.

Now we are in the heart of Summer. There are so many free outdoor activities, get out and enjoy them. But be careful of the sunshine. Wear a hat and apply sunscreen every day.

Have a safe and Happy July Fourth. The city is also having a huge Folk Festival the end of the month.

- Jacqueline Denison, Treasurer

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Next Meeting: Resuming September

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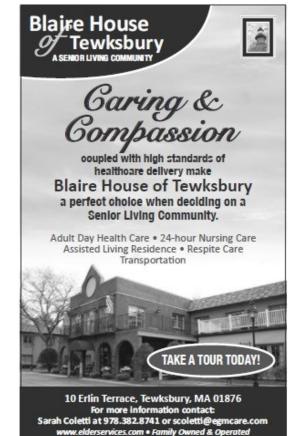
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